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On 19 or 20 May 1954, 8 new guns arrived in the Bismarck Kaserne (8385) in Naumburg. Subsequently, 6 soldiers continually practiced with each of the guns. After a special screen had been erected between the place where training was conducted and the barracks fence, the guns could no longer be observed. The guns were of a caliber between 37 and 76.2 mm, had a barrel about half as long as 37-mm AA guns, and a two-axle chassis with 4 pneumatic tires. The laying mechanism was heavier than that of the 37-mm AA guns. Ammunition was fed through a magazine from above. A cable was seen under the barrel. No features of blow-back operated weapon were observed.

Comment. These guns are presumably 57-mm Automatic L/60 AA guns and are reported in East Germany for the first time.

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